

Sessions	Sullivan	Walden
Sestak	Sutton	Walz
Shadegg	Tanner	Wasserman
Shea-Porter	Taylor	Schultz
Sherman	Teague	Waters
Shimkus	Terry	Watt
Shuster	Thompson (CA)	Waxman
Simpson	Thompson (MS)	Weiner
Sires	Thompson (PA)	Westmoreland
Slaughter	Thornberry	Whitfield
Smith (NE)	Tierney	Wilson (OH)
Smith (NJ)	Titus	Wilson (SC)
Smith (TX)	Tonko	Wittman
Smith (WA)	Towns	Wolf
Snyder	Tsongas	Woolsey
Space	Turner	Yarmuth
Spratt	Upton	Young (AK)
Stearns	Van Hollen	Young (FL)
Stupak	Velázquez	
Stutzman	Visclosky	

## NAYS—1

Paul

## NOT VOTING—61

Arcuri	Fallin	Napolitano
Baca	Flake	Olver
Bachus	Fudge	Peters
Berry	Gallely	Petri
Blunt	Granger	Pingree (ME)
Boyd	Graves (MO)	Putnam
Buyer	Griffith	Radanovich
Cardoza	Hill	Sarbanes
Carnahan	Kind	Schmidt
Clyburn	King (NY)	Scott (GA)
Coble	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Shuler
Coffman (CO)	Linder	Skelton
Cohen	Marchant	Speier
Connolly (VA)	Markey (CO)	Stark
Crenshaw	McKeon	Tiahrt
Davis (CA)	McMorris	Tiberi
DeGette	Rodgers	Wamp
Delahunt	Miller, Gary	Watson
DeLauro	Miller, George	Welch
Driehaus	Moran (KS)	Wu
Ellsworth	Myrick	

□ 1338

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

MS. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following vote. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll-call vote 627, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H.R. 6412, Access to Criminal History Records for State Sentencing Commissions Act of 2010—I would have voted “aye.”

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday next; and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, for morning-hour debate.

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. KISSELL). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

MS. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I hereby no-

tify the House of my intention to offer a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of my resolution is as follows:

Authorizing and directing the Speaker to appoint a bipartisan task force to investigate the circumstances and cause of the decision to place professional staff of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on indefinite administrative leave, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Constitution of the United States authorizes the House of Representatives to “determine the Rules of its Proceedings, punish its Members for disorderly Behavior, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member”;

Whereas in 1968, in compliance with this authority and to uphold its integrity and ensure that Members act in a manner that reflects credit on the House of Representatives, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct was established;

Whereas the ethics procedures in effect during the 111th Congress were enacted in 1997 in a bipartisan manner by an overwhelming vote of the House of Representatives upon the bipartisan recommendation of the ten member Ethics Reform Task Force, which conducted a thorough and lengthy review of the entire ethics process;

Whereas, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct adopted rules for the 111th Congress;

Whereas rule 6(a) of the Rules of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct states “the staff is to be assembled and retained as professional, nonpartisan staff”;

Whereas rule 6(c) of the Rules of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct states “the staff as a whole and each individual member of the staff shall perform all official duties in a nonpartisan manner”;

Whereas rule 6(f) of the Rules of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct states “All staff members shall be appointed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Committee. Such a vote shall occur at the first meeting of the membership of the Committee during each Congress and as necessary during the Congress”;

Whereas, on November 19, 2010 two members of the professional staff of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct were placed on indefinite administrative leave;

Whereas, on November 19, 2010 the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct canceled and has not rescheduled the adjudicatory hearing for a Member of Congress, previously scheduled for November 29, 2010;

Whereas all of these actions have subjected the Committee to public ridicule and weakened the ability of the Committee to properly conduct its investigative duties, all of which has brought discredit to the House; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, That—*

(1) the Speaker shall appoint a bipartisan task force with equal representation of the majority and minority parties to investigate the circumstances and cause of the decision to place professional staff of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on indefinite administrative leave and to make recommendations to restore public confidence in the ethics process, including disciplinary measures for both staff and Members where needed; and

(2) the task force report its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives during the second session of this Congress.

□ 1340

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution of the gentlewoman from California will appear in the RECORD.

The Chair’s customary announcement will also appear in the RECORD.

Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentlewoman from California will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

#### ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR SENIORS

(Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

MS. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5987, the Seniors Protection Act. 2011 will mark the first time that Social Security retirees and other beneficiaries will receive no automatic cost of living increase for 2 consecutive years. At the same time, seniors must stretch each dollar further as health care and other costs continue to rise. And in these tough economic times, seniors have even fewer assets to help them make ends meet.

The Social Security program is in its 75th year of helping our seniors, and we must stay true to President Roosevelt’s vision of economic security for all of our citizens. This legislation will help more than 4 million seniors in my home State of Florida alone, many of whom struggle to meet their everyday living expenses.

As we move forward, let us rededicate ourselves to strengthening, not weakening, this vital program. I want to thank Congressman EARL POMEROY for sponsoring this much-needed legislation.

#### THE DREAM ACT AND IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mr. SCHRADER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to reaffirm support for the general goals and ideals of the DREAM Act. Unfortunately and ultimately, America will have trouble getting there. But the ambition and hard work of immigrant students earning their degrees and citizenship will benefit our country. However, I voted against the passage of the DREAM Act last night. I believe passing this bill outside of comprehensive immigration reform is ill-advised.

Our immigration system is terribly broken. As a small business owner and farmer, I know the current system does not work for small businesses asked to play the role of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It also doesn’t work